

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. (canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A bird deterrent for mounting on a surface, comprising comprising:
an elongated rail of plastic and a plurality of laterally extending prongs[.] which is
injection molded as a single continuous ~~piece with a plurality of the laterally~~
~~extending prongs piece:~~
wherein the prongs have a cross-shaped cross section perpendicular to a longitudinal axis
of the prongs; and
wherein the laterally extending prongs alternating at greater and lesser various angles
relative to normal a underlying surface.

11. (currently amended) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein at least some of the
alternating prongs are paired at spaced positions along the rail, wherein one member of each pair
extends from one side of the rail at one of the spaced positions at one of the ~~higher~~ greater
angles, and the other member of each pair extends at substantially the same position along the
rail from an opposite other side of the rail at one of the lesser angles.

12. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 11, wherein the pairs of alternating prongs are
repetitively spaced from one another at regular intervals.

13. (currently amended) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein some of the prongs
~~extending extend~~ laterally from the rail at about 30 degrees relative to ~~normal~~ the underlying
surface.

14. (currently amended) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein some of the prongs
~~extending extend~~ laterally from the rail at about 70 degrees relative to ~~normal~~ the underlying
surface.

15. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein the angles of adjacent laterally extending prongs differ by about 40 degrees.
16. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, further comprising a plurality of spaced flanges extending horizontally from the rail.
17. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, further comprising a plurality of spaced flanges extending from the rail, each flange continuous with one of the plurality of prongs.
18. (currently amended) The bird deterrent of claim 10, further comprising a plurality of spaced flanges, that alternately ~~extending~~ extend from left and right sides of the rail.
19. (canceled)
20. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein each of the plurality of prongs has a round cross-section.
21. (currently amended) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein each of the plurality of prongs further comprising ~~has both a cross-shaped cross-section and~~ a round cross-section.
22. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein each of the plurality of prongs terminates in a sharp tip.
23. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein the rail has a flat bottom surface.
24. (currently amended) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein the rail has a flat bottom surface of the rail has a longitudinally ~~running~~ trough.
25. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, further comprising a ridge along its upper surface.
26. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein the injection molding further provides a plurality of prongs that extend superiorly from the rail.
27. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein the superiorly extending prongs alternate with pairs of the laterally extending prongs.

28. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein the superiorly extending prongs extend normally from the rail.
29. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein the superiorly extending prongs extend normally from a ridge running along an upper surface of the rail.
30. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 10, wherein the rail includes a plurality of spaced cutting notches.
31. (currently amended) A bird deterrent comprising:
a single injection molded piece having an elongated rail, a plurality of laterally extending prongs, and a plurality of superiorly extending prongs;
wherein the plurality of laterally extending prongs alternate between relatively higher and lower angles, and are arranged in pairs so that each of the higher angled prongs is opposite one of the lower angled prongs; and
wherein the plurality of superiorly extending prongs alternate with the pairs of laterally extending prongs along the rail; and
wherein the prongs have a cross-shaped cross section perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the prongs.
32. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 31, wherein the rail has a top surface that includes a support for the superiorly extending prongs, and side surfaces from which extend supports for the laterally extending flanges.
33. (original) The bird deterrent of claim 31, wherein the rail has a bottom surface that includes an elongated trough and a plurality of spaced cutting notches.
34. (currently amended) The bird deterrent of claim 31, wherein each of the plurality of prongs ~~has both a cross-shaped cross section and~~ further comprises a round cross-section, and terminates in a sharp tip.